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SUBJECT: SOMALI GOVT RELEASES FRENCH HOSTAGE IN MOGADISCIO:

1. SOMALI GOVERNMENT RELEASED YOUNG RUTKOWSKI, SEVEN-YEAR OLD FRENCH BOY HELD CAPTIVE BY SOMALI COAST LIBERATION FRONT, TO CUSTODY OF FRENCH AMBASSADOR GUEURY AT 1330 HRS LOCAL FEBRUARY 7. RELEASE OF FRENCH BOY TOOK PLACE AT SOMALI MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BEFORE ASSEMBLED DIPLOMATIC CORPS CONVOKED BY SOMALI SECSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OMAR ARTEH.

2. PRIOR TO ANNOUNCING RELEASE, ARTEH ACCUSED GOF OF NAKED AGGRESSION AGAINST SOMALI BORDER POST AT LOYADA. SAID FRENCH FORCES HAD KILLED SOMALI POLICE AND CIVILIANS AT TIME WHEN SOMALI GOVERNMENT WAS ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR RELEASE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN. ARTEH THEN EXPLAINED THAT SOMALI GOVERNMENT HAD INTERCEDED WITH FLCS TO OBTAIN BOY'S RELEASE QTE FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS UNQTE AND ALSO EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S GRATITUDE TO FLCS, PRESUMABLY FOR CONSENTING TO GIVE SEVEN YR OLD YOUTH HIS FREEDOM.

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3. YOUNG RUTKOWSKI WAS THEN USHERED INTO ROOM BY YOUNG WOMAN AND TWO GUN-TOTING FLCs COMMANDOS. YOUNG RUTKOWSKI WAS RELEASED TO GUEURY FOLLOWING PLEA BY HIS FEMALE GUARDIAN TO FRENCH MOTHERS TO THINK OF SAFETY LAND SECURITY OF THEIR OWN CHILDREN WHILE THEY REFLECT ON DEATHS TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHICH OCCURRED AT HANDS OF FRENCH SOLDIERS AT LOYADA.

4. FRENCH AMBASSADOR GUEURY THEN TOOK CUSTODY OF FRENCH BOY, NOTED SDR'S ACTIONS IN OBTAINING RUTKOWSKI'S RELEASE BUT TOLD ARTEH THAT LATTER HAD GIVEN TO ASSEMBLED DIPLOMATIC CORPS ONLY SDR'S VERSION OF EVENTS ON SOMALI-TFAI FRONTIER. HE NOTED HOWEVER THAT THIS WAS NEITHER TIME NOR PLACE TO DEBATE THEIR DIFFERENCES. GUEURY LEFT WITH YOUNG RUTKOWSKI TO RESIDENCE. PRESUMABLY CHILD WILL NOW ACCOMPANY AMBASSADOR WHEN HE DEPARTS FOR PARIS, PROBABLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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